

Responses to DTE
First Set of Information Requests
Witness Responsible: Lee Smith

Blackstone Gas Company
DTE 01-50

DTE 1-2 Please refer to BG-1 at 4. Please provide a detailed listing, by street location, of the gas mains invested in by the company (including both new and replacement mains).

Supplemental
Response: See attachment.

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DTE 1-17 Please refer to Exhibit 2 at Schedule 2. Please provide an additional breakdown of the \$73,716 expense item for “Communications systems.”

Response:

In the T&D expense Operation and Maintenance tables, the account numbers in the first column are correct but the labels in the second column were inadvertently offset. The \$73,716 is account 850, Operation Supervision and Engineering Operation expense. Attached is a corrected copy of this page.

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DTE 1-21 Please furnish the income statement and balance sheet, audited if applicable, for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2000.

Response:
See attached.

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DTE 1-22 Please refer to Exhibit 2, Schedule 4 and Exhibit 4. Please explain the disparity between the debt and equity figures shown on each schedule.

Response:

In Exhibit 4 the debt figure is the total long-term debt for 2000. The equity number was calculated by subtracting this debt from total rate base. Both the debt and equity figures in Exhibit 2, Schedule 4 are inconsistent with the Exhibit 4 approach, which we believe to be the correct one. We had intended to correct Exhibit 2 Schedule 4, and evidently this correction was not saved correctly. Substitution of the Exhibit 4 numbers for those in Exhibit 2 will slightly reduce the return. We will make this correction and submit it at the first hearing.